Asian Development Bank aid for Madras Thermal Plant

2667. SHRI T. R. BALU :

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY :

Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleas-ed to state :

(a) whether Asian Development Bank has offered any financial assistance for Madras Thermal Plant; if so, the details of the offer and details of thermal project and what are the terms and conditions of the loan offered;

(b) what will be its costs and its capacity and how many units it will consist of; and

(c) by when its first unit is likely to be commissioned

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI) : (a) The Asian Development Bank (A.D.B.) have extended a loan of US $ 150 million for two units of 210 MW each of the North Madras Thermal Power Project. The loan is to be repaid over a period of 25 year, including a grace period of 5 years. The rate of interest will be determined in accordance with the pool-based variable lending rate system plus a commitment charge of 0.75% per annum.

(b) and (c) The project envisages in-stallation of three units of 210 MW each, at an estimated cost of Rs. 682.81 crores. The first unit is likely to be commissioned by March, 1991.

Regular and miscellaneous matters in Supreme Court

2668. SHRI K. GOPALAN : SHRI V. GOPALSAMY :

Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state :

(a) how many regular and miscellaneous matters were admitted in Supreme Court during the last three years, year-wise;

(b) how many matters were disposed of by the Supreme Court during the period;

(c) what had been the average rate of disposal per judge in the Court during the last three years, year-wise; and

(d) what steps have been taken to expedite disposal of the pending cases ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ) : (a) and. (b) The Registry of the Supreme Court has intimated that no separate records of admitted, regular and miscellaneous matters are maintains in the Registry. However,, the total figures of disposal for the last three years which included both admitted and dismissed matters is as follows :—

Year	*Regular matters*	*Admission & Miscellaneous matter.*
1983	10079	70525
1984	5784	7C377
1985	15074	77163

(c) The Registry of the Supreme Court has intimated that the Registry does not maintain any such records indicating the average rate of disposal per Judge.

(d) Steps tak;n to reduce pendency are given in the attached Satement.

STATEMENT

Steps taken from time to time fo reduce pendeniym Supreme Court

The following steps have been taken in recent years to reduce pendency in the Supreme Court :—

1. Elimination of arrears in all the Courts has been discussed in the Conference of Chief Justices, Chief Ministers and Law Ministers of States held on 31st August— 1st September, 1985 and the Resolutions of the Conference have been commended to the High Courts and the State Governments.